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Letter dated 4 August 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement concerning the Syrian Arab Republic that was made today by Mr. Marcos Rodríguez Costa, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning the Syrian Arab Republic by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba

Havana, 4 August 2011

We express great concern at the handling of the internal situation in Syria by the United Nations Security Council; the Western Powers that are members of that organ are exerting strong pressure with a view to the adoption of resolutions condemning the legitimate Government of that country.

In light of the experience and precedent already set by recent cases, which have evidenced the manipulation of the Charter of the United Nations and the double standard that characterizes the actions of the Security Council, we express our rejection of any attempt to undermine the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that nation.

Cuba reiterates its confidence in the capacity of the Syrian people and Government to resolve their internal problems without any foreign interference and demands full respect for the self-determination and sovereignty of that Arab country.